

outstanding under the financing agreement, limited to US\$ 300 million, as termination charges.

(c) GOM, *vide* their resolution dated 9.2.2001, have constituted an Energy Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Madhav Godbole, Ex-Home Secretary, Government of India (GOI). The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:—

- (i) To review the position of overall demand and supply of electric power in the State, with special reference to the supply of power by projects of independent power producers and purchase thereof by the MSEB for which Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) have either been signed or are proposed.
- (ii) To examine the cost of power supplied by the DPC and the distribution of power losses and its implications on the finances/tariff of MSEB.
- (iii) To review and reconsider the provisions of the PPA signed with the DPC after holding discussions with the said Company, the MSEB and related authorities and to suggest appropriate measures to facilitate purchase of the power produced by the DPC by other agencies / parties (including Government of India or their agencies).
- (iv) To suggest the broad future course of action for reforms in the energy sector in the State.
- (v) Any other matter which the State Government may consider necessary to refer to the Committee in the above-mentioned context.

The report of the Committee will be submitted to the Government of Maharashtra. The question of taking any action by the Government of India would arise only after receipt of proposals from the GOM.

Electrification of Villages

1254. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of inhabited villages in the country according to 1991 census;
- (b) the number out of the above villages electrified till 1998;

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(c) the number of villages where electrification has been done during 1999 and 2000 separately;

(d) the number of villages, State-wise, remaining without electricity till date; and

(e) by when cent per cent villages will be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) As per 1991 census, there are 587258 inhabited villages in the country as a whole.

(b) Out of the total inhabited villages, 502043 villages have been electrified till March 1998.

(c) 2780 villages have been electrified during 1998-99 (as on 31.3.1999) and 2093 villages have been reported to be electrified during 1999-2000 (as on 31.3.2000). 535 villages have been electrified from April to December, 2000.

(d) Statewise details of electrified / un-electrified villages is given in the Statement (see below).

(e) The priorities for carrying out rural electrification programme in the States are determined by the State Governments / State Electricity Boards / Power utilities concerned. The time frame for complete electrification of villages would depend upon the financial resources for creating infrastructure for strengthening the distribution system, availability of power in the State and demand from the consumers.

Statement

Status of village electrification in India as on December 31, 2000

Sl. No.	States	Total inhabited villages as per 1991 census	Villages electri- fied by the end of Dec., 2000 (Provisional)	Balance villages to be electri- fied
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26586	26565	21(*)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3649	2171	1478(d)
3.	Assam	24685	19019	5666(b)
4.	Bihar	67513	47912	19601(\$\$)(e)
5.	Goa	360	360	-(@)
6.	Gujarat	18028	17940	88(*)

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7.	Haryana	6759	6759	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	16997	16881	116(+)
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6477	6315	162(\$)(a)
10.	Karnataka	27066	26694	372(%)(f)
11.	Kerala	1384	1384	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	71526	68357	3169
13.	Maharashtra	40412	40412	-(@)
14.	Manipur	2182	2001	181
15.	Meghalaya	5484	2510	2974
16.	Mizoram	698	691	7
17.	Nagaland	1216	1196	20(e)
18.	Orissa	46989	35232	11757
19.	Punjab	12428	12428	-
20.	Rajasthan	37889	35571	2318
21.	Sikkim	447	405	42 #
22.	Tamil Nadu	15822	15822	-
23.	Tripura	855	810	45
24.	Uttar Pradesh	112803	89353	23450
25.	West Bengal	37910	29573	8337(g)
	Sub-Total	586165	506361	79366+438 (*,%)
	Uts	1093	1090	3(*)
	GRAND TOTAL :	587258	507451	79366 441(*,%)

(*) Fully electrified. Balance not feasible for electrification.

(#) Provisional. 42 Nos. forest villages not electrified.

(@) Provisional to be confirmed as per 1991 census.

(+) 100% electrified as per 1981 census. (%) Balance 329 villages declared non-feasible for electrification

(\$\$) Achievements as per 1981 census.

(\$) Achievements as per 1971 census 1991 census not held.

(a) As on 31.3.1998 (b) As on 30.11.1999 (d) As on 31.07.2000 (e) As on 30.9.2000.

(f) As on 31.10.2000 (g) As on 30.11.2000

Source: CEA's report on village electrification (December, 2000)